

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) works with community groups and local, State, and federal government agencies to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. The RTCA program implements the National Park Service natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission in communities across America.

RTCA works in urban, rural, and suburban communities with the goal of helping communities achieve on-the-ground conservation project successes. The RTCA focus is on helping communities help themselves by providing expertise and experience from around the nation. From urban promenades to trails along abandoned railroad rights-of-way to wildlife corridors, our assistance in greenway efforts is wide ranging. Similarly, RTCA assistance in river conservation spans downtown riverfronts to regional water trails to stream restoration. RTCA has assisted over 50 projects, conferences, trainings, and research initiatives in Virginia.